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1.TONE OF EDITORIAL AND PLACEMENT OF NEWS ITEM IN ARABIC
LANGUAGE CAIRO PAPERS SEPTEMBER 24 SUGGEST MFA APPROVAL PRESS
CAMPAIGN-SO FAR LOW KEY-AGAINST JORDAN.

2. AHRAM'S EDITORIAL PREVIOUS DAY ASKED IF GOJ HAD INTENDED
ITS PROVISIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM INTER-ARAB CONSULTATNONS IN
GENEVA AS A COVER UP FOR SEVERE CRISIS CAUSED BY GOJ ARMS
SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ATTENDANT DISRUPTIVE IMPACT ON ARAB/
AFRICAN SOLIDARITY. TODAY AKHBAR AND HXMURIYRA ALSO LAMENT
JOH
AN POLITICAL WITHRAWAL. AKHBAR SAYS DECISON IS NEITHER
WARRANTED NOR INDERSTANDABLE AND CAN ONLY DAMAGE GOJ'S IMAGE
IN ARAB WORLD. GUMHURIYYA MAKES THE SAME POINT AND WONDERS
WHY JORDAN INSISTS ON "DUAL
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THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

AND WHY GOJ CLAIMS RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR PALESTINIANS IN
PRESENCE OF PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES.

3. ALL PAPERS ALSO CARRY TWO SHORT ANTI-GOJ ITEMS. FIRST REPORTS
ISRAELI SATISFACTION AT KING HUSAIN'S DECISION AND SECOND
QUOTES TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO AS CALLING ON ARAB LEAGUE
TO CANVASS MEMBER STATES ON THEIR VIEW TOWARDS JORDANIAN
ARMS DEAL WITH "RACIST" SOUTH AFRICA.

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